

SPORTS

New Brockton's Crosby named to Dothan Eagle "Super 12"

The Dothan Eagle announced its "Super 12" high school football teams last weekend and included on the honored list in the small school division was New Brockton linebacker Adam Crosby.

Crosby, a senior, made 170 total tackles in the Gamecocks' season, including 116 solo stops. The New Brockton stand-out also had 4 quarterback sacks, 3 caused fumbles, 3 fumble recoveries and 2 interceptions.

Following is the complete "Super 12" roster in both divisions:

LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION

Josh Smithart, senior, offensive linemen, Andalusia; Darrell Reynolds, junior, running back, Pike County; D.J. Wiggins, senior, quarterback, Abbeville; Terrance Thomas, senior, linebacker, Eufaula; Justin Johnson, senior, wide-receiver, Northview; Reginald Melton, senior, running back, Ashford; Jerrel Jernigan, senior, quarterback, Eufaula; Michael Scott, senior, running back, Geneva; Jonas Randolph, junior, running back, Daleville; Ladarius

McNeil, senior, running back, Andalusia; Kyle Zalka, senior, linebacker, Enterprise; Tobias Lee, senior, quarterback, Pike County. Player of the Year - Tobias Lee, Pike County. Coach of the Year - Dan Klages, Eufaula.

SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION

Stanley Jones, senior, running back, Houston Academy; Jake Nobles, junior, running back, Providence Christian; Basari Rambo, senior, quarterback, Seminole County; Phillip Sylvester, senior, running back, Marianna; Andre Jordan, junior, running back, Houston County; Ty Taylor, senior, linebacker, Arlton; Davis Flowers, senior, linebacker, Houston Academy; Blake Wallace, junior, quarterback, Wicksburg; Adam Crosby, senior, linebacker; J.J. Laster, senior, running back, Graceville; Brian Exley, senior, running back, Geneva County; Emmanuel Taylor, senior, quarterback, Early County. Player of the Year - Emmanuel Taylor, Early County. Coach of the Year - Toby Greene, Geneva County.

High School
ROUNDBALL
ROUND-UP

Brantley Lady 'Dogs outscored by Goshen 60-55

The Brantley Bulldogs battled the ninth-ranked Goshen Lady Eagles for all four quarters before falling 60-55, Thursday night. Taronda Randall scored 18 points and Sherry Gully added 13 to lead Brantley, while Shonetta Christian scored 17 points and pulled down 14 rebounds to spark Goshen.

New Brockton Gamecocks zap Zion Chapel 84-37

The New Brockton Gamecocks snapped their five game losing streak Thursday night with an easy 84-37 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Alex McNair scored 17 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Devin Muhammad added 11 and Tevin McNair scored 10.

Zion Chapel Lady Rebels roll to big 48-28 victory

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels pulled ahead early and never looked back Thursday night as they posted an impressive 48-28 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. Torie Hodge scored 15 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Anna Wilson added 10 and Jennifer Taylor scored 9. Valarie Hutcherson scored 12 points to lead New Brockton and Vanna Marshall added 6.

New Brockton Gamecocks fall to G.W. Long 72-52

The New Brockton Gamecocks traveled to Skipperville Friday night and were outscored by the G.W. Long Rebels 72-52. Dadrion Johnson scored 23 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Tee Morris scored 32 points and pulled down 15 rebounds to lead the Rebels.

New Brockton Lady Gamecocks tripped up 52-25

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks were simply outmached Friday night in a 52-25 loss to the G.W. Long Lady Rebels. Margaret Jackson and Ashley Dunn both scored 17 points to lead G.W. Long, and Jackson also pulled down 12 rebounds.

Kinston Bulldogs lose to Providence Christian 60-49

The Kinston Bulldogs dropped an important area contest Friday night when they lost to the Providence Christian Eagles 60-49, in Kinston. A.J. Johnson scored 16 points and Aaron Jacobs added 13 to lead the Bulldogs, while Nathan Chase led Providence Christian with 25 points.

Kinston Lady 'Dogs edged out by Providence 47-42

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs dropped a key area contest Friday night when they lost to the Providence Christian Lady Eagles 47-42, in Kinston. Heather Marlowe scored 19 points to lead Kinston, while Providence Christian was led by Rebecca Dowd with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Antler development in white-tailed deer - a new look at an old obsession

By: Bill Gray, Supervising Wildlife Biologist - District VI Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries

Large antlers in male white-tailed deer are one of the natural world's most revered structures. For the most part, large antlers are viewed within the context of human understanding. What then, is their significance when viewed within the context of their role in white-tailed deer ecology? One study may begin to shed some light on the significance of large antlers from a white-tail's point of view.

The major histocompatibility complex (MHC) is a grouping of genes closely related to the immune system in all vertebrate animals. Its relationship to the immune system is rooted in its important role in recognizing and responding to pathogens that enter the body.

A wide variety of data was collected from 128 hunter harvested deer from October and November of 1995 and 1996 on the McAP site. This data included chest girth, body weights, antler scores (using Boone and Crockett standards), skull length, overall body length, and both internal and external parasite loads. In addition, liver tissue was taken from each to provide material for genetic analysis. Upon genetic analysis, deer were placed in one of two distinct genetic lineages and were found to be assignable to three categories or "types" based on MHC specific genetic profiles, those being type 11, 12, and 22 deer respectively. Type 11 deer had MHC profiles from lineage 1; type 22 deer had MHC profiles from lineage 2; and type 12 deer had MHC specific genetic profiles from both lineages - thus indicating greater heterozygosity (genetic diversity) for MHC profile.

Interestingly, deer with both MHC profiles (type 12 deer) had 20% and 13% greater Boone and Crockett scores than type 11 or 22 deer respectively. Similarly, average number of points and average basal circumference for type 12 deer were 14% and 8% greater than for type 11 and 22 deer respectively. Type 12 deer also had a 13% greater average length of main beams than type 11 deer whereas this trait did not differ in comparison to type 22 deer. Other physical indices such as chest girth, body mass, and skull length did not differ significantly between the three types of deer with the exception of a 5% greater average body mass and skull length of type 12 deer when compared to type 11 deer.

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WILL, LARUE... the seven-year-old son of Julie and Wayne LaRue, Conway, Ark., killed his first deer recently while hunting at his Dad's deer camp near Monticello, Ark. He is the grandson of Henry and Fay Holliday of Elba.

Area teams make state prep basketball poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its weekly high school basketball rankings late last week, with a number of area teams making the statewide poll.

In the "Boys'" rankings, the Enterprise Wildcats were ranked 6th in Class 6A; Andalusia was ranked 1st in Class 4A; Abbeville was ranked 5th in Class 3A; Barbour County was ranked 4th in Class 2A; and Brantley was ranked 6th in Class 1A.

In the "Girls'" rankings, Eufaula was ranked 9th in Class 5A; Ashford was ranked 4th and Opp was ranked 6th in Class 4A; Calhoun was ranked 3rd in Class 3A; Samson was ranked 1st, Geneva County was ranked 3rd and Goshen was ranked 9th in Class 2A; and Pleasant Home was ranked 10th in Class 1A.

Following are the "Top 5" teams in all six classes and both divisions, along with area teams:

BOYS' RANKINGS

Class 6A - 1. LeFlore, 2. Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa, 3. Jeff Davis, 4. Gadsden City, 5. Opelika (Also) 6. Enterprise

Class 5A - Williamson, 2. Butler, 3. Pleasant Grove, 4. Decatur, 5. Dallas County

Class 4A - 1. Andalusia, 2. Southside-Selma, 3. Douglas, 4. Alexandria, 5. Lawrence County

Class 3A - 1. Sumter County, 2. Crossville, 3. Lauderdale County, 4. Madison Academy, 5. Abbeville

Class 2A - 1. Lanett, 2. R.C. Hatch, 3. White Plains, 4. Barbour County, 5. Ranburne

Class 1A - 1. J.F. Shields, 2. Collinsville, 3. Sulligent, 4. St. Jude, 5. Covenant Christian (Also) 6. Brantley

GIRLS' RANKINGS

Class 6A - 1. Jeff Davis, 2. Davidson, 3. Sparkman, 4. Bob Jones, 5. Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa

Class 5A - 1. Ramsey, 2. Hartselle, 3. Arab, 4. Athens, 5. Jess Lanier (Also) 10. Eufaula

Class 4A - 1. Deshler, 2. Midfield, 3. DAR, 4. Ashford, 5. Lawrence County (Also) 6. Opp

Class 3A - 1. Pisgah, 2. Greensboro, 3. Calhoun, 4. Lexington, 5. Lauderdale County

Class 2A - 1. Samson, 2. Cold Springs, 3. Geneva County, 4. Sand Rock, 5. Section (Also) 9. Goshen

Class 1A - 1. McIntosh, 2. Gaston, 3. Hazlewood, 4. Spring Garden, 5. Notasulga (Also) Pleasant Home

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SHAKEDOWN AT THE COFFEE COUNTY JAIL

New sheriff sends clear message through search and seizure

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton affirmatively began his term in office Tuesday morning, Jan. 16, by conducting an unannounced shakedown at the Coffee County Jail.

The sheriff acquired a special search team from the Alabama Department of Corrections to

complete the search and seizure. During a briefing prior to the shakedown, Sheriff Sutton said the jail system needs to be cleaned up, and he thinks it is important for the public to know his office is going to take control.

The sheriff indicated the search would be a sign that his office plans to take control from

the start, and he said anyone caught bringing contraband into the jail or destroying property would be charged accordingly. "There's a new sheriff in town," was Sutton's response to a question of what brought about Tuesday's shakedown.

New jail administrator Richard Moss also addressed those participating in the shakedown during the briefing and said K-9 units would first make an area search and would then be followed by the search team. He provided the team members with a list of the items prisoners are allowed to possess and asked them to confiscate anything not on the list.

As the search began, team members almost immediately began identifying products not allowed. From tobacco products to pencil collections, they confiscated any and all items not included on the approved list.

"We're dead set on cleaning this jail and keeping it clean," Sheriff Sutton said as the search continued. "We will do this as many times as we need."

The sheriff said he was not at all surprised by the products being found during the search. "We are going to run the jail," he said. "The prisoners are not going to run it."

Sutton said Tuesday's shakedown was a good example of taxpayers' dollars at work, and he said it was being conducted for the safety of the officers, as well as, the safety of other prisoners.

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The unannounced search of the Coffee County Jail early Tuesday morning, Jan. 16, almost immediately began revealing items that should not have been in possession of the prisoners. Tobacco products are not allowed, but the search team seemingly had no trouble finding such products. The above photo shows some non-allowed items confiscated by search team members including cigarettes and a collection of pencils. Team members checked everywhere for the items including (as shown above) a bottle of powder which allegedly contained an item that was confiscated.



New Brockton honors the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Several residents of New Brockton gathered Monday morning, Jan. 15, to participate in an annual event of commemoration. Joining many others across the nation, the residents remembered and honored the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the day earmarked for him.

The day's event began with a youth program at the old Warren Smith School in New Brockton. This was followed by the annual "walk of remembrance" through the Town of New Brockton from the old school site to Poplar

Springs Baptist Church.

A special service, sponsored by the Progressive Circle of the New Brockton community, highlighted the event. Guest speaker was Oveta Pearce of Enterprise.

Event organizers said Dr. King helped move the nation to a higher plateau when he led the civil rights movement, and his legacy is found not only in civil rights but also in moral and civic responsibility of uniting people of all backgrounds to act upon community concerns.

Conducted by Elba Police Department

Women's Safety course begins with sexual harassment, assault & rape prevention class

Elba Chief of Police Freddy Hanchey announced the previously advertised women's safety course offered by the Elba Police Department will be held in two phases.

Hanchey said Phase I of the course will involve the Sexual Harassment, Assault and Rape Prevention class. The class will be held Thursday, Jan. 25, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the community room of the Elba Fire Department.

This class is designed to promote safety awareness. The class will be taught by qualified instructors, and they will stress the importance of being aware of surroundings, people and how to handle various situations.

Chief Hanchey said he would like for those interested in participating in these safety courses to contact him again to help verify the headcount. However, he also said the class will be open to all interested.

To sign up, contact Chief Freddy Hanchey at 897-2555.

Area Happenings

A special search team from the Alabama Department of Corrections is shown standing outside the Coffee County Jail Tuesday morning, Jan. 16, awaiting time for their entrance for the unannounced search of the facility. The search team marched into the building following several K-9 officers and immediately went to work checking every inch of the facility.

Dave Sutton accepts the oath of office as Sheriff of Coffee County

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Dave Sutton, Republican, officially became Sheriff of Coffee County Sunday, Jan. 14. He was elected to the position Nov. 7, 2006 during the General Election.

Sutton and his staff participated Sunday afternoon in a special ceremony at the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise as they officially accepted the oath of office. Coffee County District Judge Paul Sherling presided over the swearing-in ceremony.

After accepting his duty as Sheriff of Coffee County, Sutton spoke briefly about his plans for the office and promised better service to all citizens from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

Members of Sutton's staff followed him in accepting the oath of office. This was followed by a reception honoring all.

Coffee County District Judge Paul Sherling (left) is shown administering the oath of office to Dave Sutton (right) Sunday, Jan. 14, during a ceremony at the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise. Sutton was elected Nov. 7th by county voters to be the next Sheriff of Coffee County. Sutton's wife, Debbie, is shown holding the Bible for her husband as he accepts the oath of office.

ALL OFFICERS WITH THE COFFEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT accepted the oath of office during Sunday's ceremony. Following the swearing-in of Sheriff Sutton, his staff stood as one and together pledged to uphold the law and perform the duties of the office to the best of their ability. Sheriff Sutton said a few members of his staff were unable to attend the ceremony because they were out in the county working.

Elba Police

Marylene Coleman joined the Elba Police Department approximately four months ago and works as a dispatcher. The dispatching job is Coleman's first work experience in law enforcement. Prior to joining the department, she worked at TOT'S USA.

Coleman said she decided to join the Elba Police Department staff because she enjoys working with the public. She is the mother of two children, Michael Hooks and Matthew Hooks.

Away from the office, Coleman said she enjoys sewing.

Dispatcher Marylene Coleman

**Let's Go...
Outdoors with Ben**
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

**Think safety first
with new
Christmas gift**

Many of us received a new firearm, tree stand, bow, or other gift that, when used carelessly, can cause injury to us or someone else. A little common sense, adult supervision, and reading instructions can prevent most of these gift related accidents.

The majority of firearm recipients at Christmas are in their teens or younger. Adult supervision and training in the use of firearms is a must. Anyone born after August 1, 1977 must complete the Alabama Hunter Education Course before they can be issued a hunting license. Personnel from the Alabama Dept. of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries and volunteer instructors teach this course. All aspects of firearm safety are covered, from loading and unloading firearms to safe carry positions of a firearm. Adults who attend the course with youngsters usually enjoy the course as much as the youngsters. After all, adults need to know that what they are teaching a beginner about firearm safety is correct. Complete the Hunter Safety course with a youngster and you will both leave a more knowledgeable outdoor person.

Firearms may cause more fatal accidents, but tree stand accidents now cause more injuries than firearms. Tree stands are excellent hunting tools that provide deer hunters with a better viewing area and allow them to get above the normal scent line of a deer.

Tree stands are not all alike and particular attention should be paid to the directions on how to set up and climb your new stand. Inspect it to make sure all bolts and retainers are included and you know where to place them.

Recipients of a new tree stand should attach the new stand to a tree and practice going up and down just a few feet above the ground until you are thoroughly familiar with the stand and feel confident enough to climb. Most tree stand accidents occur when ascending or descending the tree. A safety belt or harness will help prevent injuries from falls. Attach a climbing stand only to a tree of adequate diameter and avoid trees with very smooth bark as the climber may have a tendency to slip on such a tree.

Hunters often make the mistake of climbing with a firearm or bow slung across their back. This is inviting a more serious injury if one falls on their firearm or bow. Raising and lowering an unloaded firearm or bow with a small rope is the preferred method rather than trying to climb with the firearm or bow.

Arrows are another health risk that is often overlooked. Modern arrows are sharper than the razor that granddads used to shave with. Every year some one cuts themselves severely with a broad head. Arrow quivers should hold the arrows firmly and cover the broad head enough to prevent an accidental cut.

Receiving outdoor gear for Christmas is always exciting, but we need to remember that some gifts can be dangerous when not used correctly.

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EDITORIAL

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With Fern Cox

Thanks to our readers for their patience during the past months as our printer experienced problems getting pages from our computers and the printing press . . . correctly. It was not being ignored, but was one of the down sides to modern technology. Often the only person who can repair these monsters lives 2,000 miles away and is busy repairing another machine 2,000 in another direction. Actually in December that was complicated more because the "fixer" got grounded in California several days with snow storms between him and Alabama. Around Christmas time we commented to a man on the press crew (during the worse of the problems) "be thankful it is not me who has spent \$40,000 on "fixing" that equipment in the past six months "cause right now I would be crankier than a sore tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs".

Regardless of Governor Riley's disclaimer of not being a candidate for Vice President, Senator John McCain is utilizing Riley's popularity in Alabama to gain support for his own dreams of becoming president. We will not try to second guess what will happen if McCain is nominated and Riley is offered the VP slot, but can suggest that Alabama would not be hurting by having a governor who is a close personal friend to the sitting president.

Several friends are trying to rub our nose in the dirt as they brag about new grandchildren while we have no additions and none anticipated. Buddy Shively is strutting around with two additions to an already quality set of grands. Reverend Stanley Carter is bragging about regular meals as he struts around with pictures of another red headed grandchild in his family. Our only hope is to continue holding on the title of "cutest" and "smallest" grandchild, then while freely allowing our friends to debate which of them is in second place in those departments!!!

The Alabama Senate last week settled on supporting the Democrat majority after months of posturing. It took a combination of moves, including Senator Barron stepping down and the Democrat power brokers offering a dissenting Senator two years as Senate Pro Tem to pull it off, but it happened. However we suspect Alabama citizens will notice that the Republicans are getting more attention and/or concessions as the legislature moves through the regular session beginning in March. Much of the problem has been related to Barron's heavy handed gavel . . . and his spending a bunch of money opposing reelection of other Democratic senators who didn't vote as he wanted them to do. That is in sharp contrast to the management policies of House Speaker Seth Hammond, of Andalusia, who was recently elected to a third term as Speaker of the House by a unanimous vote. Hammond gets good marks from legislators for fairness and he spent his extra campaign money helping fellow Democrats win their respective races.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, investigated the following incidents: one for theft of property, three for domestic violence, one for assault, two for menacing, one for harassment, two for criminal trespassing and one for criminal mischief.

The following arrests were made: three for domestic violence, two for assault, one for harassment, one for negotiating a worthless non-negotiable instrument and one for obstructing a governmental operation.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, JAN. 8 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 24756 Hwy. 87 N. (3:53 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 19680 Hwy. 87 (7:16 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 1528 Highland Dr. (9:55 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JAN. 9 - Minor wreck reported at Mr. Henry's (3:31 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 21933 Hwy. 189 N. (5:49 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Zion Chapel High School (7:26 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3356 County Rd. 304 (11:10 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1032 Martin Luther King Dr., Lot 8 (2:21 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at Claxton Ave. by Dairy Queen (11:51 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1143 Oak Ave. (4:00 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JAN. 11 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to 2400 County Rd. 377 (7:49 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 377 (8:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 875 Cedar Lane Dr. (9:17 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 948 West St. (2:28 p.m.); Disturbance (verbal) reported on Jackson St. (5:14 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched in response to an alarm at 2162 County Rd. 239 (6:06 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JAN. 12 - Domestic disturbance reported at 1389 Reese Ave. (12:37 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck (motorcycle vs. 18-wheeler) on Hwy. 189 S. near Perry's Store (1:16 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the airport on standby for landing of Flat Iron (1:52 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 1023 Farris Ave. (8:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1023 Farris Ave. (8:14 p.m.); Report of a gun being discharged near 1549 Powell Circle (11:53 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JAN. 13 - Disturbance (noise) reported on King Circle (9:48 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JAN. 14 - Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (1:09 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 24884 Hwy. 87 N. (7:57 a.m.); Disturbance (unwanted guest) reported at 617 Mullins Circle (3:20 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (not in progress) reported at 430 Plant Ave. (6:24 p.m.).

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27th Annual Gray Family Reunion held in Georgia

In the year 1979 a wise and knowledgeable family member, cousin Matthew Gray of Cincinnati, Ohio, had a strong sense of the need of family. He had a vision of his family, the Gray Family, coming together in unity and spirit.

This vision came upon him after the death of his cousin, Katie Kirk. Cousin Matthew felt there was a great need for the family to come closer together, to get to know and really care about and love each other.

Cousin Matthew did not just stop there or share his vision with other family members, he made his vision a reality. He brought together family members in the Cincinnati area for a meeting that turned into a picnic in the Silverton Park. This was the beginning of the Gray Family Reunion.

The origin of the Gray Family is recorded in the Bullock County Courthouse, Union Springs, Ala. It is assumed the forefathers migrated to Union Springs in much the same manner that all former families did.

Elba City Schools celebrates School Board Member Recognition Month

Elba City Schools is joining all the public school systems across the state to celebrate School Board Member Recognition Month and honor local board members for their commitment to Elba and its children.

"It takes strong schools to build a strong community, and these men and women devote countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at a higher level," said Danny Weeks. "They make tough decisions every month and spend many hours studying and education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our citizens expect."

Weeks said the key work of school boards is to raise student achievement by:

- Creating a vision for what the community wants the school system to be and for making sure that vision is the top priority.
- Establishing standards for what students will be expected to learn and be able to do.
- Ensuring progress is measured to be sure the systems

Health Fair set for Jan. 25th at Damascus Senior Citizens Center

DaySpring Hospice will sponsor the Damascus Senior Center Health Fair Thursday, Jan. 25, from 1-3 p.m.

The Health Fair is open to the public. The event should be informative and several screening will be provided.

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alves did, in search of better living conditions.

The search of the historic records reveals the principal forefather was Alfred Gray.

Research indicates that from Alfred Gray's first marriage two sons were born, Lynn and Henry Gray; from his second marriage, 12 children were born, five girls

and seven boys: Ann, Ada, Nancy, Molly, Liza, Matthew, Joe, Alford, Ike, Dan and Louise. From these descendants originated the Gray Family.



FAMILY MEMBERS ARE SHOWN ATTENDING THE 27TH ANNUAL GRAY FAMILY REUNION. The above photo was taken at Jones Bridge Park on the banks of the Chattahoochee River, Norcross, Ga.

Goals are achieved and students are learning at expected levels;

- Being accountable for their decisions and actions by continually tracking and reporting results;
- Aligning the system's resources-human and financial-around its improvement goals;
- Creating a safe, orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach;
- Forming partnerships with others in the community to solve common problems; and
- Focusing attention on the need for continuous improvement by questioning, refining, and revising issues related to student achievement.

"School board members give the Elba citizens a voice in education decision making. Even though we make a special effort to show our appreciation in January, their commitment is a year-round commitment."

Major Accomplishments:

- 100% graduation exam passing rate
- 15% improvement of Dibels test scores
- Both schools met Adequate Yearly Progress Standards
- 65% of instructional staff have advanced degrees
- Student achievement in Technology, well above state average
- 95% of students met AL Direct Assessment of writing standards
- 72% of systems funds used for instruction
- An additional \$1,100 spent per student in the 2005 school year
- Nationally recognized reading program
- State and Nationally Certified Career-Technical program
- Projects Completed or Near Completion
- Renovation of high school gymnasium
- Additional computer labs
- Renovation and construction on baseball and softball complex
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- Complete renovation of elementary gymnasium floor in summer of 2007

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Obituaries

ORSIE MAE FLOWERS

Mrs. Orsie Mae Flowers died on Friday, Jan. 5, 2007 at her residence in Brundidge, Ala.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11, 2007 at Greater Bethel AME Church, Brundidge, with Elder David Reddick officiating. Coleman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Flowers was preceded in death by one brother, Lee W. Johnson.

Survivors include her husband: Delbert R. Flowers Sr., Brundidge; two daughters: Massey D. Neal, Brundidge; Mary Copeland (husband Joseph), Pineville, La.; six sons: Larry Flowers, Anniston, Ala.; Delbert Flowers Jr. (wife Liz), Billy Flowers (wife Elaine), Alex Flowers (wife Ann), Randy Flowers and Gregory Flowers; one brother: Johnny Johnson, Brundidge; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

ORELO B. JOHNSON

Mr. Orel B. Johnson, age 89, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at the Southeast Alabama Medical Center after a brief illness.

Mr. Johnson was a veteran of WWII. He was an active member of the Zion Chapel Baptist Church where he served as treasurer for 20 years.

Funeral services were held Jan. 13, 2007 at the Zion Chapel Baptist Church with Reverend Ben Ampong and Reverend Chris Barrows officiating. Burial followed in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his mother, Rheta Johnson; wife, Madge Kelley Johnson; two brothers, Orville Johnson and Ray Johnson; and a sister, Voncie Johnson.

Survivors include one daughter: Reda Sheffield, Elba; one granddaughter: Kelly (Eddie) Dickerson, Waycross, Ga.; three sisters: Rosa Coon, Elba; Ivey Harrison, Panama City, Fla.; and Rena Reeves, Austin, Texas.

ALZIE LEE HUDSON

Mrs. Alzie Lee Hudson, age 88, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at her home in Elba, Ala.

Funeral services were held Jan. 14, 2007 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba

with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the Hudson Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Contributions may be made to Wiregrass Hospice.

Mrs. Hudson was preceded in death by her husband, Giles "Cool" Hudson; three brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include four daughters: Annette Simmon and Patricia Blanks (husband Harty), both of Lanett, Ala.; Nellie Holcomb (husband Glenn) and Merle McInnis (husband Johnny), both of Elba; two sons: Steve Hudson (wife Carolyn) and Denny Hudson, both of Elba; four sisters: Myrtice Kelley and Betty Jean Byrd, both of Enterprise, Ala.; Bonnie Kyser, Elba; Maxie Haigler, Selma, Ala.; six brothers: Wendell Kelley, Bill Kelley and Drexel Kelley, all of Elba; Travis Kelley and Jimmy Kelley, both of Lynn Haven, Fla.; Jerome Kelley, Montgomery, Ala.; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

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Survivors include her husband: Albert L. Tyson; her parents: Katherine and Cary Williams, Gary, Ind.; her maternal and paternal grandmothers: Elizabeth Massy and Deion Caffie; two sisters: LaTrisha Lewis, Isha Meadows and Deion Caffie; two sisters: Wendell Kelley, all of Elba; Travis Kelley and Jimmy Kelley, both of Lynn Haven, Fla.; Jerome Kelley, Montgomery, Ala.; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

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LIFESTYLES

New Arrival

CARLIE ANN MOATES



Carlise Ann Moates was born December 11, 2006. She weighed 7 lbs 4 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Carol Moates of Auburn.

Grandparents are Tom and Carolyn Moates of Enterprise and Ronnie and Connie Bates of Athens, Ala.

New Arrival

THOMAS HARRIS MOATES IV



Thomas Harris Moates IV was born November 10, 2006. He weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. (Pat) Moates III of Cedar town, Ga.

Grandparents are Tom and Carolyn Moates of Enterprise, Ala. and Chuck and Lynis Cox of Montgomery.

Great-grandparents are Carol Marler and the late Rue Marler of Elba, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cox of Enterprise, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. White of Dothan, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Harris Moates of Enterprise.

Miss Vaughan and Mr. Harbin to be united in marriage on Saturday, March 31

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Vaughan of Elba, Alabama are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Katherine York Vaughan, to Mr. Stephen Hugh Harbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Harbin of Mobile, Alabama.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles York of Dothan, Alabama and the late Mrs. JeNella L. York of Montgomery, Alabama and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vaughan of Elba, Alabama. She is a graduate of Troy University where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Studio Art and Photography with a minor in Business Management. She is employed with a Pike County Bank in Troy, Alabama where she is a New Accounts and Customer Representative.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lobitz of Mobile Alabama and the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harbin of Mobile, Alabama. He is a student at Troy University where he is finishing a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, March 31, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at the Elba United Methodist Church in Elba, Alabama with a reception to follow at the bride's home.



Miss Vaughan & Mr. Harbin

Covington Blue Grass Festival begins January 25

Well-known bluegrass artists are coming to Andalusia, Ala. for the first-ever Covington Bluegrass Festival Thursday, Jan. 25 through Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Covington Center.

On Thursday, the headliner is Rhonda Vincent, the International Bluegrass Association's Female Vocalist of the Year for six years and her band the Rags.

On Friday, Jesse McReynolds and the Virginia Boys, known for more than 50 albums and CDs he recorded with his late brother Jim, perform twice. Marty Raybon, of Shenandoah fame, and his band Full Circle take the stage twice on Saturday.

One day ticket price is \$19, \$53 for all three days, half price for children ages six to 12 and free for children age six and younger with an adult. The tickets are available at www.ticketweb.com and at the Covington Center box office. There are RV hookups available for \$45.

Other artists scheduled performing during the three-day event include Doerfler Family, Crescent Bluegrass, New Road, Sullivan Family, Run'd Off, Bush Family and Turman Family.

Concessions are available and the Kiwanis building, located adjacent to the festival site, is open throughout the festival for musicians who want to jam. Both the Covington Center and the Kiwanis Building are fully enclosed heated buildings.

For further information or to purchase tickets, contact the Covington Center box office at 334-428-2045.

Visit the Covington Center online at www.thecovingtoncenter.com.

Area students named to Dean's List at Samford University

Several area residents were named to the Dean's List for the last semester at Samford University. They include Casey Michele Medlock, Elba, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Medlock, Katie Amanda Riegler, Enterprise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Riegler and Joshua Adam Driver, Kinston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Driver.

To qualify for the honor, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework.



Annisley Padgett

Annisley Padgett has slumber party with friends for birthday

Annisley Padgett recently celebrated her eighth birthday at her home with a slumber party; the theme was "A Night in the Movies." Her guest list included friends from dance, school, and Little Miss Peanut.

The party theme was carried out with red, black and gold balloons, streamers, plates, cups, napkins, and centerpiece. Pizza was served for their evening meal. After a fill of pizza, the girls decorated an individual birthday cake. (Annisley's mom had baked individual cakes and provided a variety of cake decorations for each girl to decorate her own cake.) Avery, Annisley's younger brother, joined in with the cake decorating.

When the cakes were finished, Annisley opened her gifts. Then it was popcorn time. A movie is not the same without popcorn. The girls rolled out their sleeping bags, watched a movie, and some time after midnight they got some sleep.

The following morning the girls were awakened with smell of pancakes coming from the kitchen. After a delicious breakfast, the birthday girl and her friends enjoyed some playtime before their parents came to pick them up.

Annisley is the daughter of Kyle and Dana Padgett and has one brother, Avery. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Padgett, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Vicki Stinson. She is the great granddaughter of Mrs. Edna Sue Stinson and Mrs. Nellie Hudson, and the great, great granddaughter of Mrs. Lois Hudson all of Elba.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Annual fellowship banquet set for January 27 at Greater New Zion

The annual fellowship banquet, sponsored by the Matron and Youth Departments of The Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. W. L. Peterson, pastor, will be held Saturday, January 27, 2007 beginning at 6 p.m. at The National Security Building, Hwy. 84 East, Elba. The guest speaker will be Kenny J from

Gospel singing planned for January 20 at Chestnut Grove

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church, located on County Road 110 (between Hwy. 125 and Hwy. 167) on Saturday, January 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Featured will be The Old Southern Gospel Group of Jack, Ala. and The Franklins of Abbeville, Ala. For more information call Gus Grant (334) 897-6793 or Bill Daughtry (334) 735-2010.

Elba Church of God sets date for Gospel Singing

There will be a gospel singing at the Elba Church of God on January 20, 2007 beginning at 6 p.m. Featured will be Scott Fowler and Soldiers For The Cross.

Singles Conference to be held at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise

Singles Conference (for all singles and those who work with them) sponsored by Coffee Baptist Association. This event will be held January 20, 2007 from 12:00 to 5:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church New Fellowship Hall, located at 500 Alberta Street, Enterprise, AL.

The guest speaker will be Neysa Wilkins, a beautiful, energetic, talented christian woman and community leader.

There is no admission charge and it is open to the public. Victoria Baptist Church is on Highway 125 in the Victoria Community near Jack, AL.

Jerry & Tammy Sullivan will be in Concert at Victoria Baptist Church

Jerry and Tammy Sullivan will be singing Bluegrass Gospel at Victoria Baptist Church on Friday Night, February 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

There is no admission charge and it is open to the public. Victoria Baptist Church is on Highway 125 in the Victoria Community near Jack, AL.

The Ladies Night Out is to encourage women and teen young ladies to surrender their fears and inadequacies to the Lord and lean on him for any total body makeover needed in their lives. Come enjoy an inspirational time with food, fun, fellowship and a Fashion show on Thursday evening, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. To register, call 393-LOVE at First Baptist Church of Enterprise. Meal reservations are required by January 29.

Naomi & The Segos to be guest singers at Wesley Chapel

Naomi and The Segos will be in concert at Wesley Chapel Community Church, Hwy. 65 at 9 a.m. all auxiliaries are asked to meet at 10 a.m. on Sunday, January 19, 2007 beginning at 7 p.m. The annual board meeting will take place. All members of the association are asked to be present.

Luverne First Assembly of God to hear Betty Jean Robinson at two special services Feb. 10 & 11

Betty Jean Robinson from Up On Melody Mountain will be in concert for two services in February at Luverne First Assembly of God Church, Luverne, Ala. These special services will be Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 11, at 11 a.m. Luverne First Assembly of God Church is located on the Glenwood Road in Luverne.

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THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Rev. Henry Erving, Jr., Rev. Charles Lane, Neoma Smith, Buford Tillis Sr., The Watson Family, Nettie R. Hogan, Mattie Belcher, Baby Aarian Henderson

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: Janna Kable Belcher January 16, Janna Kelley January 16, Glennette January 16, Faye Manning January 22, Steve Williams January 22

THE "LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING" Benefit Singing honoring Baby Aarian Henderson will be held Saturday, February 3, 2007 at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church beginning at 5 p.m.

Aarian has been diagnosed with a rare liver condition and is currently undergoing treatment at the Children's Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. Aarian is the daughter of Tiffany Henderson. All choirs, praise teams, soloists, etc. are invited.

PLEASANT SHADE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH will be celebrating their Family and Friends Day Sunday, January 21, 2007 during 10:30 a.m. worship service.

The theme will be "Every Step I Take." Rev. C. A. Hammond, Jr. is the pastor. For more information contact Bro. Taylor Thornton (334) 393-6611.

THE ANNUAL CHORAL DAY will be held at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 802 Newton Street, Elba on Sunday, January 21, 2007 beginning at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Lovell Martin is the pastor.

The Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Association, Elba, Rev. W. L. Peterson, moderator will hold their annual board meeting on January 20, 2007 at the Mulberry Missionary Baptist Association Building, located on Hwy. 84, Elba. At 9 a.m. all auxiliaries are asked to meet at 10 a.m. on Sunday, January 19, 2007 beginning at 7 p.m. The annual board meeting will take place. All members of the association are asked to be present.

D'Undray Peterson is a native of Elba, AL. He also attended Elba High School where he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. He also was the president of his senior class and was graduated as the salutatorian of his class. After graduating high school in 1997, Peterson continued his education at The University of West Alabama in Livingston on a football and academic/leadership scholarship. While at UWA, Peterson participated in several groups and organizations including The Angelic Voices of Faith (gospel choir), Blue Key (honors fraternity), Omicron Delta Kappa (academic society), Campus Outreach, Overflow, and Psychology club. Some honors he received in college include: All Gulf South Conference Academic Football Team, Phil Puccio Award, Asa

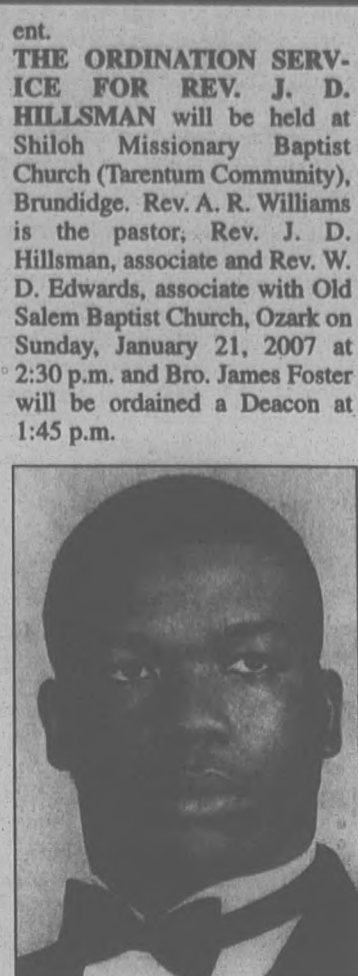
Green Award, Red Watkins Award, Varsity Football team captain, Department of Psychology Student Scholar Award, Mr. UWA and Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities.

In 2001 Peterson graduated cum laude from UWA with a Major in Psychology and a minor in Music. It was also during this year that Peterson started his employment at UWA as a counselor for Student Support Services. In 2003, Peterson graduated from UWA's school of Graduate Studies with a Master's Degree in Counseling/Psychology. In December 2006 Peterson received an Ed.S. degree from The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL, in Counselor Education with an emphasis in Community Counseling.

Peterson is a member of the Cornerstone Full Gospel Baptist Church where Bishop Ernest L. Palmer is the Senior Pastor and Teacher. At Cornerstone, Peterson wears several hats including: serving as Deacon, webmaster for the church website, Music ministry (choir and praise team), Sunday School Teacher and IMAG (men's ministry) advisory board.

Peterson is involved in several business ventures. He is an I.P.C. for Tahitian Noni International. Another company Peterson is involved with is Tuscaloosa Community Development Partnership, LLC. He is also part owner of Designs by "D", a graphics design/web-site building company owned by his wife. Peterson is currently writing his first book, *The Second*, due to be completed in 2007.

D'Undray is happily married to DeWanna (Crayton) formerly of Andalusia, AL. His parents, Rev. W. L. and Ollie Peterson reside in Elba, AL as does his sister, Katonya (Richard). His brother Julius (Rosalynde) lives in Tuscaloosa, AL and brother Anthony (Jerril) lives in Florence, AL.



D'Undray Peterson

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Wayne Webber Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Mickey Goodwin, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PRATHE & GLOVE WORSHIP CENTER Betty Morris, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH A. B. Williams, Pastor Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>ROTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. 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Views From....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was a week to forget at the Mularz house as my wife spent the week at the hospital in Elba, my mother spent the week at a hospital in Mobile, and I spent the week trying to keep the house in order and keep everyone headed in the right direction. We all survived the new year's blues and hopefully will have everything back to normal sometime this week. However, for us the new year didn't start off with much of a bang!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers saw their record slip back below the .500 mark at 9-10 last week after losses to New Brockton and Pike County, and now appear to have their work cut out for them if they hope to carry a winning record into post-season play. The Tigers saw a nine-point third quarter lead vanish in the road loss to New Brockton as they suffered their first loss of the season to a county rival, while late in the week they played one of their best games of the season, only to come up one basket short in a narrow road loss to Pike County. While Elba did lose twice last week, in the loss to Pike County the Tigers proved they could hold their own against a very good opponent and should have left the game with an added dose of confidence. There are nothing but tough games left in the regular season for the Tigers, and after nineteen games those players that were so young back when the season tipped off are now seasoned veterans. If Elba could pull off and upset or two late in the season the Tigers might just have a surprise or two left when the area tournament gets underway.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers posted two more wins last week and have now won four of their last five games to push their win total for the season to six. The Lady Tigers started off slow in both games, but rallied in the second half to avenge an early-season loss to New Brockton and get past Pike County on the road. The Lady Tigers also have a very tough schedule ahead in the final three weeks of the regular season, but the Elba girls are having fun and may very well be a team to watch as the post-season nears.

*** It was an exciting week around the county as New Brockton claimed its first win of the season over arch-rival Elba, and Kinston held on late to sneak past Zion Chapel. The Gamecocks got clobbered later in the week by highly-ranked Barbour County, but should be a factor at the area tournament, while the Bulldogs and Rebels are both hungry to add a couple of wins and might just surprise somebody before long. Over on the girls' side, the Lady Bulldogs from Kinston kept on rolling with a win over Zion Chapel, while the Lady Rebels are much better than many people know and the Lady Gamecocks are good enough to win when they play their best. The regular season has three weeks left, and from where I sit it looks like the best is yet to come.

*** The Alabama Sports Writers Association has a weekly high school basketball poll, and this season the poll has been filled with teams from the area. In the boys' standings the Andalusia Bulldogs have spent most of the week atop the 4A poll, while Enterprise has been ranked at season long in 6A. Abbeville has been ranked in 3A, and Barbour County has been near the top in the 2A ranks. Over in the girls' standings, Samson has spent the entire season atop the 2A poll, while Ashford and Opp have both been near the top in 4A, Geneva County and Goshen have been ranked in 2A, and Pleasant Home has been in the top ten in 1A throughout the season. If you are a basketball fan in South Alabama this has already been quite a year.

*** The SEC officials have been bragging a lot in recent weeks about the recently completed football season. Florida's national championship run gave all conference fans something to brag about, while LSU finished in the top five and a total of six teams made the final poll. Alabama's hiring of Nick Saban also put the conference in the spotlight. So, I guess the 2006-2007 season was really one the conference will remember for many years to come.

*** In closing.... I talked with my Auburn buddy over the weekend and he laughed and said that all Alabama fans are looking at the world through crimson colored glasses since the hiring of Saban. He also joked about how many Tide fans think the hiring will lead their team back to the top in just one short season. I am not about to make any predictions. However, I will predict Alabama will be better in all phases of the game than they were a year ago.

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Winning shot rolls off rim

Tigers drop area clash to Pike County 52-50

A last-second three-point shot hit the rim and rolled off Friday night, and with it went the Elba Tigers' chances of pulling off a big road upset as they fell to the Pike County Bulldogs 52-50, in Brundidge.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 9-10, 1-1 in area play, and was the Tigers' second loss of the week.

Elba pulled ahead 4-3 early in the opening stanza on a fast-break basket by Frank Morris, and then took command behind the play of Gavin Respress and Antwon Tillis as the Tigers pulled out to a 10-4 lead with 3:46 remaining in the quarter. Pike County answered with a 7-0 run to grab an 11-10 advantage, and the Bulldogs were still ahead 12-11 when the quarter came to an end.

Pike County scored the first five points of the second quarter

to increase its lead to 17-12 with 6:56 left in the half, and moved ahead 21-14 midway through the stanza. A basket by Aaron Harelson and two free-throws by Morris kept the Tigers within striking distance. However, the Bulldogs extended their lead to 28-18 with 2:33 left in the half and carried a 20-22 advantage into the dressing room at intermission.

A three-pointer by Elba's Jordan Flower cut the Pike County lead to 30-25 early in the third quarter, while a three-pointer by Respress pulled Elba within 31-28 with 5:39 remaining in the stanza. Pike County went on a 6-0 run midway through the quarter to regain command at 37-28, and heading into the fourth quarter the Tigers found themselves on the short end of a 39-32 score.

Pike County's lead remained

New Brockton rallies to knock off Tigers 71-51

The Elba Tigers traveled across the county last Tuesday night to meet the New Brockton Gamecocks for the third time this season and found the third time to be no charm as the Gamecocks used a big second half to pull away and defeat the Tigers 71-51.

The loss evened Elba's record at 9-9, while New Brockton upped its record to 8-6 with the win.

The Tigers came out ready to play against their cross-county rivals and behind the scoring of Gavin Respress and Jason Mitchell sneaked out to an 11-10 lead in the opening stanza.

Respress added six points in the second quarter and Jordan McBride also pitched in with six as Elba pulled out to a 30-23 halftime advantage, and the Tigers moved ahead 32-23 early in the third quarter on a basket by Frank Morris. The Tigers' lead didn't last for long, however, as the Gamecocks' Dadrion Johnson sparked a New Brockton rally that enabled the Gamecocks to grab a 42-39 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

The Gamecocks continued to attack the Tigers all over the court in the final stanza, and converted on 14 of 22 free-throw attempts in the period to pull away and defeat the Tigers for the first time this season by the final score of 71-51.

Gavin Respress scored 15

points to lead Elba, while Frank Morris added 12 and Jordan McBride added 10. Dadrion Johnson scored 22 points to lead New Brockton, while Courtney Foster and Devon Muhammad added 10.

NB 10 13 19 29 - 71
EL 11 9 12 - 51

N.B. (71): Simmons 2, Muhammad 9, D. Muhammad 10, Foster 11, Vasser 5, Flowers 4, Johnson 8, D. Johnson 22. Elba (51): Hudson 1, Respress 15, Mitchell 7, Bryant 5, Morris 12, McBride 10.

[JV GAME]

The Elba JV Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back last Tuesday night as they rolled to a 50-31 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. The Tigers took command early and opened up a 17-6 first quarter advantage, then outscored the Gamecocks 11-4 in the third quarter to take a 39-23 lead and rolled to the big road win. Kareem Siler scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Justin Griswold led New Brockton with 9 points.

Elba (50): Hammonds 1, Magwood 7, Cole 7, Siler 16, Reynolds 8, Reed 7, M. Reynolds 4.

N.B. (31): Roberts 4, Davis 6, Culverhouse 2, Griswold 9, Farnon 8, Purvis 2.



Elba Tiger Trey Belcher (24) dribbles upcourt against pressure defense by New Brockton. The Tigers saw their record slip to 9-10 last week with losses to the Gamecocks and Pike County.

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at seven points in the early minutes of the fourth quarter, but Elba again cut into the Bulldogs' lead as with 5:21 remaining on the clock a three-pointer by Flowers pulled the Tigers within 44-40. Pike County extended its lead back out to 50-43 with 1:57 left in the game and appeared in complete command, only to see the Tigers cut the lead to 50-46 on a three-pointer by Flowers with 1:41 remaining, and then catch the Bulldogs at 50-50 on a basket and two free-throws by Morris.

Pike County scored with 11 remaining to regain the lead at 52-50, and the Tigers went for the win as Flowers got open for a three-pointer. However, the last-second shot hit the rim and rolled off as the horn blew and the Tigers walked off the court after suffering the 52-50 area loss.

Frank Morris scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Jordan McBride added 12 and Gavin Respress scored 11.

PC 12 18 9 13 - 52
EL 11 11 10 18 - 50

P.C. (52): Bailey 10, Johnson 11, Youngblood 2, Andrews 7, Wilson 3, Lee 11, Starks 6, Carlton 2.

Elba (50): Respress 11, Mitchell 1, Harelson 2, Bryant 12, Belcher 3, Morris 16, Tillis 4, McBride 1.

[JV GAME]

The Elba JV Tigers saw their record slip to 8-5 Friday night with a 49-16 road loss to the Pike County Bulldogs. The Tigers fell behind 14-7 in the first quarter, trailed 28-7 at the half and never challenged as they suffered the lopsided defeat.

P.C. (49): Mathis 6, Carlton 2, Pearson 4, Griffin 13, Jackson 3, Moultry 4, Lampley 3, Hilliard 2, W. Pearson 8, Nickson 2, Snell 2.

Elba (16): Magwood 4, Cole 5, Siler 2, Reynolds 2, Phillips 2, Reed 1.



Elba Lady Tiger head coach Bryan Penscoe talks with players during a recent time-out. The Lady Tigers have won four of their last five games.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

Elba Lady Tigers continue rolling in mid-season surge

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The Elba Lady Tigers evened their area record at 1-1 Friday night with an exciting 41-39 road win over the Pike County Lady Bulldogs, in Brundidge.

The Lady Tigers could get little going offensively in the opening half and trailed 14-13 at halftime, but moved ahead 18-16 early in the third quarter behind the inside play of Janae Carney and stretched their lead to 22-16 when LaFondra Thigpen nailed a long three-pointer and later added a free-throw. A driving lay-up by Thigpen with 3:08 remaining in the quarter upped the Elba lead to 25-17, but Pike County rallied late in the stanza and outscored the Lady Tigers 8-4 to cut the Elba lead to 29-25 heading into the final stanza.

The Lady Tigers still owned a four-point lead at 31-27 with 6:02 left in the fourth quarter after two free-throws by Thigpen, and seemed in control with a 39-33 lead with 2:41 remaining after two free-throws by Leanna Henderson. Pike County staged another rally to pull within 39-37 with 1:38 remaining, and got as close as 40-39 with 19 left in the game, only to see Elba hold on and claim the wild 41-39 win.

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw their season long struggles continue Friday night with a 70-16 loss to Barbour County. Queenie Young scored 12 points and Nicole Brooks added 10 to lead the Lady Jaguars.

LaFondra Thigpen scored 20 points to lead Elba, while Leanna Henderson added 10. Valarie Hutcherson scored 11 points to lead New Brockton, while Alexa Adams added 9. Elba (45): Henderson 10, Carpenter 1, Craighead 2, Thigpen 20, Coleman 1, Cross 4, Oliver 3, Carney 2, Caldwell 2.

N.B. (34): Adams 9, Sawyer 4, Muhammad 1, Eubanks 1, Hutcherson 11, Duesit 4, 5.

SPORTS

In prep basketball action

Kinston Bulldogs sweep past Zion Chapel

The Kinston Bulldogs hosted the Zion Chapel Rebels Friday night and scored the final seven points of the game to pull away and defeat the upset minded Rebels 61-53.

The win upped the Bulldogs' record to 4-12, while the Rebels' record slipped to 0-13 with the loss.

Kinston came out ready to play in the cross-county matchup and behind the three-point shooting of Hunter Anderson raced out to an early 9-2 lead. Five straight points by Zion Chapel's Zach Stephens helped the Rebels cut the Bulldog lead to 9-7 with 3:21 remaining in the quarter, and the Rebels closed the stanza with a 7-0 run, sparked by a late three-pointer by Tim Geddings, as Zion Chapel moved on top 14-11.

Kinston regained the lead at 15-14 early in the second quarter on a basket by Aaron Jacobs, but the Rebels refused to go away and bounced back to regain the lead at 17-16 on a three-pointer by John Wayne Lambert with 4:34 still left in the half. The Bulldogs' Jake Hataway scored five quick points to put Kinston back ahead 21-17 with 3:58 remaining on the clock, and this time the Bulldogs were able to hold on they carried a 23-18 lead in at the half.

Kinston's Hunter Anderson and Zion Chapel's Tim Geddings swapped three-pointers early in the third quarter, while Anderson nailed his fourth three-pointer of the game with 6:31 remaining in the quarter to up the Bulldogs' lead to 29-21. The two rivals swapped baskets for much of the stanza, with Kinston taking its biggest lead at 38-29 with 4:50 left on another three-pointer by Anderson. Zion Chapel's Tim Geddings sparked a Rebel rally that allowed the Rebels to close to within 38-35 with 3:04 left in the quarter, but Kinston regained command late and scored the final points of the quarter on a lay-up by Jay McCrummen to head into the final stanza with a 42-37 lead.

Zion Chapel scored the first eight points of the fourth quarter, and when Adam Carter scored from inside and added a free-throw, the Rebels were back on top 45-42 and the Zion Chapel fans were on their feet. Kinston regained the lead at 47-45 on baskets by Tim Donaldson and Aaron Jacobs, but the Rebels again battled back and pulled even at 47-47 with 4:18 remaining after two free-throws by Carter.

The Bulldogs' Eric Wise muscled inside for two baskets to

put Kinston back on top 52-47 with 3:32 left on the clock. However, Zion Chapel staged yet another rally and after baskets by Morgan Mancil and James Tidwell the Rebels were within 54-53 with 1:56 remaining in the game.

A three-point play by Kinston's Jake Hataway gave the Bulldogs a little breathing room at 58-53 with 3:17 left, and the Bulldogs added three points late in the game at the free-throw line to post the exciting 61-53 win.

Hunter Anderson scored 17 points and Jake Hataway added 14 to lead Kinston, while Zach Stephens scored 14 points to spark Zion Chapel and John Wayne Lambert added 12.

K 11 12 19 17 - 61
ZC 14 4 19 16 - 53

Kinston (61): Whigham 1, McCrummen 2, Jacobs 10, Hataway 14, Anderson 17, Donaldson 8, Moss 1, Johnson 2, Wise 5.

Z.C. (53): Carter 8, Geddings 7, Stephens 14, Lambert 12, Mancil 4, Tidwell 4, Brunson 4.

[GIRLS VARSITY]

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and held on late to claim a wild 46-40 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels.

Kinston improved its record to 11-6 with the win, while Zion Chapel saw its record slip to 5-8 with the road loss.

The Lady Bulldogs fell behind 2-0 early after a basket by Zion Chapel's Jennifer Taylor, but bounced back quickly and after back-to-back three-pointers by Heather Marlowe and Ashley McCall owned an 8-2 lead with 4:11 remaining in the first quarter. Kinston upped its advantage to 13-3 with 1:38 remaining on a basket by Christine Whigham, and carried a 17-8 lead into the second quarter after a late basket by Whigham.

Zion Chapel cut the Kinston lead to 17-12 early in the second quarter after baskets by Ashley Parrish and Jennifer Taylor, but saw the Lady Bulldogs regain command and open up a 22-12 lead with 3:59 left in the half on a lay-up by Kaliegh Sanders. The Lady Rebels pulled within 22-16 with 2:32 left after a basket by Torie Hodge. However, Kinston closed the half with an 8-3 run and at intermission went in with a comfortable 30-19 lead.

Zion Chapel rallied early in the third quarter and cut the Kinston lead to 31-25 with 4:18 remaining on an inside basket by Jennifer Taylor, only to see the Lady Bulldogs go on a 7-0 run and move on top 38-25 after a driving lay-up by Kaliegh Sanders.

Kinston carried a 38-29 lead into the fourth quarter and appeared to be in complete command as its lead grew to 41-30 with 6:34 left on the clock on a basket by Christine Whigham. The Lady Bulldogs' lead stood at 46-36 with 2:09 remaining after a free-throw by Sanders, but the Lady Rebels refused to quit and after baskets by Anna Wilson and Jennifer Taylor were still alive as they trailed 46-40 with 49 left on the clock. Zion Chapel had a chance to get even closer, but missed the front-end of a one-and-one free-throw opportunity with 3:3 left, and Kinston held on to escape with the 46-40 win.

Kaliegh Sanders scored 15 points and Christine Whigham added 14 to lead Kinston, while Jennifer Taylor scored 13 points to spark Zion Chapel and Torie

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Kinston (46): McCall 6, Dean 2, Sanders 15, Whigham 14, Marlowe 6, Manning 3.

Z.C. (40): Lewis 3, Taylor 13, Parrish 6, Hodge 11, Wilson 7.

[JV GAME]

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Kinston (25): Sessions 2, Wilson 2, Free 10, Cosby 2, Boswell 3, Devine 2, Rachel 2, Kelley 2.

Z.C. (24): Winters 16, Stephens 3, Black 5.



Kinston Bulldog Aaron Jacobs (4) fires a basket from deep in the corner. Jacobs scored 10 points last week in the Bulldogs' win over arch-rival Zion Chapel.

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SCHOOLS

"A Club" breakfast honors students

by Erica Daniels

On Thursday, Jan. 11, the administrators of Elba High School held an "A Club" breakfast to recognize the A Honor Roll students for the first two nine weeks.

This group, consisting of over 72 students, was served an excellent breakfast, consisting of bacon, grits, eggs, biscuits, sausage, etc. The food was kindly donated by Kelley Foods of Alabama.

Many of the board members attended and ate with the students. Mr. Johnny Dunn, Mr. Kevin Killingsworth and Superintendent Danny Weeks congratulated the students and encouraged them to continue with their hard work for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Killingsworth presented each student with a "pass," which allows the students to leave for break five minutes early on some Fridays in the month.

The following students were on the A Honor Roll for the first and/or second nine weeks:

Seventh grade - Tyler Anderson, Tiffany Bradshaw, Tamera Burks, Jake Carley, Elisa Dewberry, Selma Dodd, Kei-Anna Edwards, Cordelia Hooks, Aaliyah Horstead, Kayla Lewis, Gunnar McCollough, Nick McCullough, Chase Sauls, Tyvonne Smith and Bo Wiggins.

Eighth grade - Sydney Crittenden, Molly McGuire, Kendra Siler, Chastity Slenker, Lindsey Smith and Bethany Wilson.

Ninth grade - Janice Carley,



Members of the "A Club" were presented a "pass" for an early break on some Fridays

Lindsay McClung, Justin McLaughlin, Emily Miller and Kayla Rials.

Tenth grade - Shelby Adcock, Kimberly Blue, April Finedore, Andrew Head, Robyn Hudson, Cortlin Lee, David Maddaloni, Jodi McBride, Dylan McCollough, Kelly Miller and Jason Mitchell.

Eleventh grade - Ashley Carpenter, Kim Cooks, Perry Davis, Jeremy Grissett, Dancesha Jordan, Tiffney Kelley, Trey Martin, April Price and Ashton Rodriguez.

Twelfth grade - Brianna Bailey, Blake Berry, Chase Boutwell, Sydney Brunson, Katie Cash, Laura Grover, Adam Henderson, Jason Johnson, Whitley Kilcrease, Wade Kindred, Melanie Muller, Kevin Parks, Shay Samuel, Brad Sullivan and Autwon Tills.

Members of the "A Club" enjoyed a breakfast of bacon, grits, eggs, biscuits, sausage, etc. The food was donated by Kelley Foods of Alabama. Shown above are "A Club" members Kayla Rials and Emily Miller, both ninth grade students.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

For second year in a row Elba BOE members hear good news regarding graduation exam

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board again heard the good news that for the second year in a row 100% of the senior class is passing the graduation exam.

Teacher Jana Curtis was recognized by Superintendent Danny Weeks for her successful efforts in assisting students who had trouble with some portion of the required exam. Curtis

explained in detail to board members how she worked with small groups and sometimes with an individual student to improve their knowledge of a subject on the exam. She added it was with the continued help of classroom teachers that the school is able to achieve such a high rate of graduation.

"It is refreshing and gives me added encouragement to see a sudden spark come into a student's eyes when they finally understand a troubling concept," Curtis said.

Weeks presented the monthly

financial statement and told board members the school system continues to be in sound financial condition due to the strong support of a dedicated staff. He also noted the lunchroom account balance is back up to normal this month after receipt of delayed federal funds.

Board members were recognized for their work and support of the local schools. Elba school board members are appointed by the city council and serve without financial compensation. Weeks announced the Elba Tiger Band would be marching

in the inaugural parade in Montgomery on January 15th. It has been a number of years since the Elba band participated in this event.

A national reading conference will be held in the Elba schools on January 30th, according to Superintendent Weeks. Educators from as far away as New York will be in Elba to learn new, better and successful ways to teach reading.

Board members were invited to visit the high school gym and observe the new floor recently installed in the facility.

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JAIL

The Coffee County Jail has a capacity for 126 prisoners. During Tuesday's briefing Moss said there were 144 prisoners inside the jail. The sheriff said overcrowding is something he hopes to work on in the near future.

In regards to other plans for his term as sheriff, Sutton simply said, "We are going after the criminals."

Late Tuesday afternoon, Ronnie Whitworth, chief deputy with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, said several arrests were made during the shutdown.

as the search allegedly revealed some crack cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana. He said two shanks (items considered as weapons) were found. Also, Whitworth said lots of paraphernalia and contraband was confiscated during the shutdown.

Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart pageants set for Feb. 10th

The 2007 Tri-County "Valentine Sweetheart" pageants, sponsored by the members of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170, will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Elba High School auditorium beginning at 6 p.m.

The age divisions will include: Tiny Miss (1-2 years old); Little Miss (3-5 years old); Little Miss (6-8 years old); Mini Miss (9-11 years old); Junior Miss (12-14 years old) and Miss Tri-County (15-18 years old). There is an entry fee to participate.

A winner and two alternates will be selected in each age division (minimum of five contestants required). Winners will receive a trophy, crown, banner, flowers and a savings bond. Alternates will receive a trophy and flower. All contestants will receive a trophy.

Practice will be Friday, Feb. 9, at Elba High School with the Tiny and Tot Miss contestants at 6 p.m.; the Little and Mini Miss contestants at 6:45 p.m., and the

Junior and Miss contestants at 7:45 p.m. Contestants are asked to come 30 minutes early for registration.

Contestants will be judged on beauty, poise and overall projection by a staff of three judges. Tiny Miss contestants will be judged on beauty and overall projection only.

Entry fee should be submitted

Bridal Registry

Shay Johnson & Robert Carnley
Shower-March 18 Wedding-April 14

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On The Square Downtown Elba 897-8591

Preservation Hall Jazz Band



The Coffee County Arts Alliance presents the Preservation Hall Jazz Band. The band performs New Orleans Jazz tours around the world and has appeared at many famous venues, including Carnegie Hall (NYC), Symphony Hall (Boston), Monterey Jazz Festival (CA) and the Red Sea Jazz Festival (Israel).

Jan. 30, 2007 7:30 pm Enterprise High School
Presented by Coffee County Arts Alliance and Martin-Colley Drugs
Gold Corporate Sponsor - City of Enterprise

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ENTERPRISE
• David's West Gate Beauty Salon (406-1617)
• The Framery (347-7800)
• The Printing Press Inc. (566-4060)

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• Bradley Florist & Gift Shop (897-3422)
• FORT RUCKER
• JTR (255-2997)
• DOTHAN
• Weathers (673-8285)

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This performance is made possible in part by a grant from The Alabama State Council on the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts

www.coffeecountyartsalliance.com

Mike & Kelly Cra Relay for Life Gospel Sing

Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007

10:45 a.m. service

Love's Way Church

1001 Highway 101, West Elba, Alabama 36089

For more information call 897-8591

COFFEE COUNTY CORONER (ENTERPRISE DIVISION)
ROBERT PREACHERS accepted the oath of office last Thursday, Jan. 11, during a ceremony at the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise. Preachers was re-elected to the office during November's General Election. The oath of office was presented by Coffee County District Judge Paul Shertling. Unable to attend the ceremony was Coffee County Coroner (Elba Division) Marvin McLwain. He also was re-elected during November's General Election and will continue his service to the people of Coffee County.

Parent orientation planned for Miss Zion Chapel pageants

A Parent Orientation for the Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Zion Chapel Pageants will be held Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m., at the Zion Chapel High School auditorium. Entry forms and registration packets will be distributed at the orientation.

Future Little Miss Zion Chapel contestants must be age four through grade Kindergarten. Little Miss Zion Chapel contest-

ants must be in the first grade. Junior Miss Zion Chapel contestants must be in grades seven through ten. Miss Zion Chapel contestants must be between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one by October 1, 2007.

The pageants are sponsored by Altrusa Int'l., Inc., of Jack, Alabama and will be held on Saturday, March 31.

For more information, call 897-2287, after 6:00 p.m.

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To allow equipment upgrades and additional training Coffee County Commission approves funding request for sheriff's department

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners voted Monday, Jan. 22, during the regularly scheduled Commission meeting to appropriate funds for the sheriff's department for the upgrade of some equipment and training for deputies.

Commission chairman Jim Thompson said Sheriff Dave Sutton met with commissioners during a recent work session and addressed various needs for the department. During that meeting, he said Sutton indicated the sheriff's department was in need of upgrades for protective vests and weapons. Also, he said the department needed to spend more time on training for the officers.

Thompson said the estimated cost for the improvements is \$25,000, and he made a motion with a second from Commissioner J.L. Weeks to approve the funds for these requested items. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve this for the sheriff's department.

Thompson also made a motion to grant the sheriff's department five credit cards to

help deputies out in day-to-day operations; however, this motion failed for lack of a second. Currently, deputies use their own money to cover expenses incurred during travels and are later reimbursed based on receipts.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said he was not necessarily opposed to this option presented through Thompson's motion, but he felt it was something that needed to be discussed further by commissioners with other possible options examined as well.

During his report to commissioners, Sheriff Sutton thanked each and every one for the support they've shown his department since he took office.

Sutton updated commissioners on the shutdown conducted at the county jail Tuesday, Jan. 16. He also told commissioners another search was held Thursday night, Jan. 18, and again illegal items were removed from the jail.

Sheriff Sutton said he has asked for some safety devices to be added to the jail. He said steel plates are going to be placed around the windows of

the jail because it has been discovered that narcotics are being brought in through the windows.

Sutton said the infrastructure of the jail is poor, and the county has got to get some things fixed at the facility.

During his report, the sheriff also said he is going to ask for legislation to be changed in some areas to allow for the appropriation of more funds for the general account of the sheriff's department. Some of the changes included funds regarding the work release program and the inmate telephone usage account. Sutton said all the changes he will ask for will be for the betterment of the jail and the county's law enforcement services.

The sheriff also said his department has received phone calls from county citizens noting they have seen more patrol in their areas of the county. He

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Elba Police urge local citizens to watch for suspicious activity

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Chief of Police Freddy Hanchey continues to stress the importance of community involvement in helping prevent such crimes as burglary.

Several times in the past, Chief Hanchey has reported the success of officers catching criminal suspects to the watchful eye of concerned citizens. He said knowing your surroundings and reporting any suspicious activity to police can be a huge factor in helping officers catch those attempting to break

the law. Over the past couple of months, the Elba area has been plagued by several burglaries of businesses. While Chief Hanchey said his department is taking measures to correct this

problem, he also encourages local citizens to be aware and help keep a watchful eye for any and all suspicious activity and/or persons.

Chief Hanchey asks that citi-

zens report such activity or per-

sons to the Elba Police Department (897-2555).

Hanchey said the teamwork of community and police has proven to be a success, and he hopes to continue to see such results in the future.

Elba Mayor James Grimes speaks to local Kiwanis Club

Elba Mayor James Grimes was the guest speaker Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Elba Kiwanis Club meeting. The mayor was invited to speak on things going on in the city and plans for the future.

Mayor Grimes reported on progress of the U.S. Highway 84 four-lane widening project, cleaning up of the Beaver Dam creek bed area and the new businesses downtown including The Jewel Box reopening with new owner, Pope Tent Rentals located in the old Whitman Drug store building and a Coffee roasting business located in the old Coffee County Board of Education building (former Church of Christ).

The airport project is proceeding with buildings either being moved or torn down to increase the runway approach to the airport.

Mayor Grimes updated the club on the progress of the sale of Dorsey Trailers. He also updated members on the progress of the ADECA grant to build two restrooms and

Kiwanis Club president Scott Kelley with Mayor James Grimes

Elba Police

William A. (Drew) Dobbins joined the Elba Police Department approximately 2 1/2 months ago and serves as a dispatcher.

Prior to coming to Elba, Dobbins worked 27 years in Manatee County, Fla. He retired from that career in June of 2005. Dobbins said he was a supervisor for 17 years while working in Manatee County and most of his special/advanced training is with water meters.

Dobbins also is a charter member of the Braden River Fire District in Bradenton, Fla., as well as, a charter member of the Manatee County E.M.S. Auxiliary in Bradenton.

He said he chose a career in law enforcement, "to be there when you need someone who can help."

Dobbins and his wife, Karen, have been married 28 1/2 years. They have one son, Ron, who is an EMS supervisor for Manatee County, and one daughter, Lori, who is an ER nurse at Mercy Hospital in Miami, Fla. The

Dispatcher Drew Dobbins

Dobbins also have two grandchildren, Christopher and Morgan.

Dobbins said his father was raised in the Basin community and moved to Florida in 1945. He said his father wanted to move back to the local area after

he retired but was unable to. Dobbins also noted that he and Andy Gunter, investigator with the Elba Police Department, are first cousins.

He said his hobbies include fishing, genealogy and his grandkids.

Area Happenings

Terry Spicer

Representative Terry Spicer is assistant to the president for economic and community development at Enterprise-Ozark Community College.

Following the conclusion of the organizational session, the Alabama House of Representatives will reconvene Tuesday, March 6, for the first legislative day of the 2007 regular session.

"I am excited about this opportunity to help shape the agenda for the House Caucus," said Spicer. "We will continue to focus our efforts and resources on improving education and strengthening our economy."

As policy director, Spicer will lead the effort to formulate the House Caucus agenda and work with the House Leadership to determine issues that need to be addressed through the legislative process. In addition, Spicer will play a leading role in guiding those priorities into law.

"Representative Spicer has a proven record as a dedicated public servant," said Speaker Seth Hammett. "I have full confidence he will continue to work to improve the lives of all Alabamians as he works to help shape our policy agenda for the future."

Spicer was first elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1998. He and his wife, Ceina, are the parents of two children, Hayes and J. Cole.